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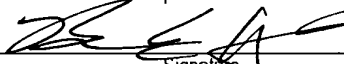
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 09/896,573  
Applicant(s): Yoshio HAGIHARA  
For: SOLID-STATE IMAGE-SENSING DEVICE  
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